

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 29-50 without prejudice. Please add new claims 65-68 as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A multi colored, sheeted chewing gum product with a top and bottom surface, comprising:
 - a first mass of chewing gum formed in a generally flat sheet; and
 - a second mass of a confectionery product having a different color than the first mass, smaller than the first mass, and embedded in the first mass so as to be visible with the first mass from the top surface of the chewing gum product;
 - the second mass being present in a pattern selected from the group consisting of an undulating pattern, a pattern of stripes across a width of the product, a diagonal pattern, a pattern of bits, and combinations of the foregoing;
 - wherein the first mass only is visible from the bottom surface of the chewing gum product.
2. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 1 wherein the confectionery product is chewing gum.
3. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 2 wherein the first and second masses of chewing gum are different flavors.
4. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 1, wherein the second mass is present in a pattern of stripes across the first mass.
5. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 1 wherein the first mass is formed into an elongated strip.
6. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 5 wherein the strip in the form of a rolled up tape.
7. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 5 wherein the strip is in the form of a flat stick of chewing gum.

8. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the second mass is present in an undulating pattern along a length of the first mass of chewing gum.

9. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 1 wherein the second mass is present in a striped diagonal pattern across the product.

10. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 1 wherein the second mass is present in an undulating pattern.

11. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 1 wherein the second mass is present in a pattern of bits.

12. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 11 wherein the bits are formed with generally uniform shapes and sizes.

13. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 11 wherein the bits are formed with nonuniform shapes and sizes.

14. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 11 wherein the first mass of chewing gum is formed into a disk shape.

15. (Previously presented) The multi phase chewing gum product of claim 1, prepared according to a method comprising the steps of:

forming the first mass of chewing gum into a slab with a generally flat surface;

forming the second mass of the confectionery product into at least one piece;

bringing the piece into contact with the flat surface;

pressing the slab and piece to form the generally flat sheet; and

cutting said generally flat sheet into segments of a desired width, length and shape.

16. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 15 wherein the second mass is formed into at least one continuous rope which is laid on the flat surface as the slab passes beneath.

17. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 16 wherein a plurality of ropes are laid on top of the slab in a direction generally parallel to the length of the slab.

18. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 17 wherein a plurality of ropes are laid in a generally undulating pattern.

19. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 18 wherein the undulating pattern is produced by oscillating the ropes a desired distance across the width of the slab as the ropes are laid on the slab.

20. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 18 or 19 wherein the generally flat sheet is cut into sticks of chewing gum.

21. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 18 or 19 wherein the generally flat sheet is formed into a plurality of rolled tapes.

22. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 16 wherein a plurality of ropes are laid in a direction generally transverse to the length of the continuous slab.

23. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 15 wherein the second mass is formed into a plurality of particles which are laid on the slab as it passes beneath.

24. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 23 wherein the particles are of a generally uniform size and shape.

25. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 23 wherein the particles are nonuniform in size and shape.

26. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 23 wherein the generally flat sheet is cut into a plurality of disks.

27. (Withdrawn) The chewing gum product of claim 15 wherein a rolling compound is placed between the first mass of chewing gum and the second mass of confectionery material so that the two are separable by the consumer.

28. (Previously presented) The chewing gum product of claim 15 wherein no rolling compound is placed between the first mass of chewing gum and the second mass of confectionery material so that the two are not separable by the consumer.

29-50 (Canceled)

51. (Previously presented) A multi colored, sheeted chewing gum product, comprising:

a slab of a first chewing gum having a first flat surface and a second surface; and

a rope of a second confectionery material embedded into the slab of first chewing gum;

the rope being present in an undulating pattern;

wherein the embedded rope of second confectionery material is visible at the first flat surface in said undulating pattern.

52. (Previously presented) The product of claim 51, wherein the second confectionery material comprises a second chewing gum.

53. (Previously presented) The product of claim 51, wherein the second confectionery material has a different color than the first chewing gum.

54. (Previously presented) The product of claim 51, wherein the slab is in the form of a rolled up tape.

55. (Previously presented) The product of claim 51, wherein the slab is in the form of a chewing gum stick.

56. (Previously presented) The product of claim 51, prepared according to a method comprising the step of:

forming a mass of first chewing gum into a slab having a first generally flat surface;

forming a rope of second confectionery material; and
pressing the rope into the slab.

57-64 (Canceled)

65. (New) The chewing gum product of claim 5 wherein the pattern of stripes of the second mass are generally perpendicular to the direction of elongation of the strip.

66. (New) The chewing gum product of claim 1 wherein the pattern of stripes comprises at least three stripes.

67. (New) A multi-colored, sheeted chewing gum product with a top and bottom surface, comprising:

- a) a first mass of a chewing gum formed in a generally flat sheet; and
- b) a second mass of confectionery:
 - i) having a different color than the first mass,
 - ii) being smaller than the first mass,
 - iii) being embedded in the first mass so as to be visible with the first mass from the top surface of the chewing gum product,
 - iv) being present in an amount from 2 to 30 percent by weight of the total product, and
 - v) being present in a pattern;
- c) wherein the second mass is not visible from the bottom surface of the chewing gum product.

68. (New) The chewing gum product as claimed in claim 67 wherein the second mass is present in a pattern of stripes across the width of the product.